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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5529

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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR TS US
SUBJECT: BOURGUIBA VISIT

REF: A. STATE 102010 B. TUNIS 2917

1. CHARGE CALLED UPON FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI
MORNING MAY 17 AND CONVEYED MESSAGE PARA 2 STATE
REFTEL TO HIM.

2. CHATTI IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION.
HE WAS GRATIFIED FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HIS PROBLEMS
AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY OUR PROBLEMS
WITH REGARD TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S SCHEDULE FOR JUNE.
NOTED PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY'S CONCENTRATION ON
MIDDLE EAST AND SAID THAT GOT DID NOT WANT TO CAUSE
PROBLEMS FOR US JUST AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. ON
CONTRARYYY GOT WANTED BE HELPFUL AND THIS WAS WHY HE
HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE TO SUGGEST POSTPONEMENT (TUNIS
2575). GOT THEREFORE ACCEPTED INVITATION FOR THE
"AUTUMN" AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US AT A LATER
DATE TO WORK OUT DETAILS. SAID HE COULD NOW BEGIN
MAKING ALTERNATE PLANS FOR PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA IN
JUNE. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SITUATION
WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA MAY 16 FOLLOWING CALL ON
HIM BY AMBASSADOR SEELYE REPORTED TUNIS REFTTEL.

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HE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT THAT DEFINITE WORD OF A JUNE

DATE WAS PROBABLY UNLIKELY BY MAY 17, DATE HE HAD
AGREED UPON WITH AMBASSADOR, AND THAT POSTPONEMENT
WAS THEREFORE PROBABLE. SAID PRESIDENT AGREED.

3. COMMENT: ATMOSPHERE OF CALL THROUGHOUT WAS
COMPLETELY CORDIAL. CHATTI WAS CLEARLY PLEASED
THAT WE HAD BEEN ABLE TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO HIM BY
AGREED-UPON DATE OF MAY 17. HE WAS ALSO VERY RE-
LAXED WHILE LISTENING TO MESSAGE. HE NODDED HIS
COMPREHENSION OF EACH POINT, AND SEEMED PARTICULARLY
PLEASED WITH POINT D.
TIENKEN

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